

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th June 2018

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The June meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on tomorrow night Monday the 25th of June 2018 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. At this meeting John EI3HQB will be doing a show and tell on SDR dongles. This will be of particular interest to SWL's but also licenced op's as it is a cost-effective way of listening to all bands. For the demo John will be using a Wellbrook loop.

These are a highly regarded loop antenna, so this may be of interest to people who live in a high noise location. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to "info /at/ searg /dot/ ie" or please feel free to attend any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

A reminder that the next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday 28th June at 8.30pm. Preparation will be made for participation in events taking place over the summer months. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of their meetings. You can also check out their website www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

IECRO Radio Club

The IECRO radio club in Westmeath has just been granted a new automated station license from the Commission for Communications Regulation. Club members will now begin work in terms of moving the required equipment onto the repeater site. Installation and initial testing is hoped to begin in the next few days.

This new station will be used for a very wide range of various packet radio activities and its callsign will be EI7SNP. A central Bulletin Board System server will be connected to this repeater, to facilitate personal/group messaging, club news, weather updates from private weather stations and other packet related services.

Members of the club are extremely excited over the prospect of being able to promote and rejuvenate interest in this aspect of the hobby.

For more information about the club you can visit their website at www.iecro.com/ireland or send them an email to “info /dot/ iecro /at/ gmail /dot/ com”

Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Radio

EI0MAR participated in the International Museum Weekend event last weekend from the Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Radio in Howth. After a slow start, conditions improved and many contacts were made on 20 and 40 metres including several with other museum stations. A full size G5RV was erected especially for the event. The club would like to thank all the EI's who turned up especially Justin EI3CTB, as well as Nicky and Niall from South Dublin Radio Club who did most of the operating. The club would also like to thank IRTS news editor Mark EI6HPB who travelled up from Mullingar to show support during the event. The Craic was mighty and a good day was had by all at the museum.

EIDX Group

Using the 'Echo Juliet' prefix, EJ0DXG will be QRV from IOTA EU-006, EU-007, EU-103 and EU-121 this summer.

Six meter band fans should note that some of the islands being activated by the EIDX Group this summer are in rare Grid squares and good for Worked All Ireland followers. These would count towards the Island award.

July will see activity from the Great Blasket Island EU-007. August will see EU-121 grace the bands from Bere Island. Their last Island activity ends September 16th as part of their DX Féile weekend from Inishmore, Aran Islands EU-006.

Supported by dxwanted.net a beautiful plaque will be available for whoever works them on 4 different IOTA Groups. So, as a 'Bonus' or 'Wildcard' station, EI0DXG will also be QRV from Mainland Ireland (EU-115) throughout and until September 30th 2018.

More information can be found on their Facebook page, just search for Irish Islands IOTA Tour 2018.

DX News

Dominic ON4AZP will be operating holiday style from Senegal using the call sign 6W/ON4AZP from 25 th June – 5 th July. Look for him on SSB on 10, 15, 20 and 40m. QSL to his home call.

Daniel SM0UDH will be holidaying on Baa Atoll in the Maldives from 24 th June – 9 th July. He hopes to find time to activate his 8Q7DT call sign on SSB and Data. QSLs go via his home call.

Col MM0NDX, Emil DL8JJ and Paul G4PVM will be active from Market Reef signing OJ0Y from 27 th – 29 th June. They will be on all bands 80 – 6m and QSL manager is M0SDV.

Antonio EA5RM is working with an NGO project in Bolivia until 10th July. He can be found on 40 - 10m SSB and Data using the call sign CP1XRM. QSL via his home call and also LoTW.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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